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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, PINS, FI

SUBJECT: HIJACKING OF SOVIET AIRCRAFT

REF: HELSINKI 1442

1. DIRECTOR OF MFA LEGAL DIVISION HAS PASSED WORD TO US THAT SOVIETS TOLD HIM THERE ARE NO AMERICANS ON BOARD HIJACKED AIRCRAFT. FINNS UNABLE TO CONFIRM THIS AS HIJACKERS REFUSE ENTRY TO AIRCRAFT.
2. ACCORDING OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE HIJACKERS HAVE TWO DEMANDS: FUEL TO MAKE FLIGHT TO SWEDEN AND PERMISSION TO LAND IN STOCKHOLM. NEITHER HAS THUS FAR BEEN GRANTED.
3. FINNS HAVE FORMED CABINET-LEVEL TASK FORCE CONSISTING OF FONMIN VAYRYNEN, INTERIOR MINISTER UUSITALO, FINANCE MINISTER PAAVELA AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER SAARTO.
4. PRESS REPORTS THAT HIJACKERS ARE ARMED WITH

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GRENADES AND HAVE THREATENED TO BLOW UP AIRCRAFT. EMBOFF AT SCENE REPORTS THAT AREA OF AIRCRAFT CLOSED TO OBSERVERS AND THAT WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO WERE RELEASED HAVE BEEN SECLUDED BY FINNISH AUTHORITIES.

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